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ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS

Election of members of the International Narcotics Control Board under the provisions of article 9, paragraph 1 (a), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol

Note by the Secretary-General

Election of two members from among candidates nominated by the World Health Organization

1. The Secretary-General informed the Economic and Social Council, at its organizational session for 1991, of the conditions under which the forthcoming election of members to the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) would be held. The present note contains information on candidates nominated by the World Health Organization. Information on candidates nominated by Governments is contained in document E/1991/49.

2. In the past, it has often been the practice of the Council to establish a Committee on Candidatures, whose task was to select candidates whom it considered to be particularly qualified and to report to the Council on its recommendations in the form of a list of candidates equivalent to twice the number of vacancies to be filled. Such recommendations were not binding on the Council. At its organizational session for 1989, the Council decided to discontinue the Committee on Candidatures for the INCB elections.

3. In accordance with established procedure, the Secretary-General invited the Director-General of the World Health Organization to propose candidates

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with a view to filling two posts which will become vacant on 1 March 1992 on the expiration of the term of office of the members of the International Narcotics Control Board who were originally nominated by the World Health Organization in 1985 and elected by the Economic and Social Council the following year. The two posts are currently occupied by Sirad Atmodjo (Indonesia) and Oguz Kayaalp (Turkey).

4. The Secretariat received communications from the Director-General of the World Health Organization, dated 4 and 8 January 1991, in which, in accordance with the provisions of article 10, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the Director-General nominated the following candidates for election to the International Narcotics Control Board:

Sirad Atmodjo (Indonesia)

István Bayer (Hungary)

Abdullahi S. Elmi (Somalia)

Abdol-Hamid Ghodse (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Biographical information on these four candidates is contained in the annex below.

5. The attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that among these candidates, Sirad Atmodjo, István Bayer and Abdullahi S. Elmi have also been nominated by their Governments and accordingly their names are also included in the list of candidates contained in document E/1991/49.

6. The Council's attention is also drawn to the fact that annexes II-V to document E/1991/49 contain, respectively, information on meetings of the Board in 1990, payment to members and present membership; the texts of articles 9 (Composition and functions of the Board) and 10 (Terms of office and remuneration of members of the Board) of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol; information on qualifications and other conditions of membership in the Board; and a list of the States parties to the Single Convention, the 1972 Protocol amending that Convention and the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances.

Annex

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD

Sirad Atmodjo (Indonesia)

Date of birth: 1930.

Education: Degree in Pharmacology, University of Gajah Mada, Yogyakarta (1959); Certificate (Drug Abuse Control), Yale University; Certificate (Food and Drug Control), Food and Drug Administration (1974); Certificate (Management and Administration), Staff College, Jakarta (1975).

Present post: Second Assistant to the Rector, 17 Agustus University.

Previous posts: Assistant, Drug Dispensing Laboratory, University of Gajah Mada (1955-1959); high school teacher of chemistry (1957-1958); Staff, Directorate of Pharmaceutical Affairs, Ministry of Health (1959-1965); Director of Pharmaceutical Affairs, Ministry of Health (1965-1967); Director of Distribution, Ministry of Health (1967-1975); Director of Narcotic and Dangerous Drugs, Ministry of Health (1975-1981); Secretary of the Directorate General of Food and Drugs Control, Ministry of Health (1981-1987); Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, 17 Agustus University (1986-1990).

Publications: Member, Indonesia Pharmacopoeia Committee, first edition (1961-1962), second edition (1970-1972) and third edition (1977-1978); member, Food Codex Committee (1977-1978); member, Cosmetic Codex Committee (1978-1979); member, Committee for the Formulation of a Manual on the Use of Medicinal Plants (1978-1990).

Meetings attended: Commission on Narcotic Drugs (1975, 1977, 1979, 1981 and 1982); sixth Asian Congress of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Jakarta (1976); Seminar on Drug Offences, Tokyo (1977); Meeting of Operational Heads of National Narcotics Law Enforcement Agencies, Far East Region, Colombo (1978); ASEAN Drug Expert Meeting, Jakarta (1978); First Meeting of ASEAN Countries on Drug Legislation, Jakarta (1979); Second Meeting ASEAN TCDC, Manila (1980).

István Bayer (Hungary)

Date of birth: 1923.

Education: Diploma in Pharmacy (1945); Doctor of Pharmacy (1949); candidate, Pharmaceutical Science (1960).

Present posts: Head, Department of Pharmacy, Postgraduate Medical University (since 1970); chairman of several national commissions and committees in the pharmaceutical and narcotics fields (since 1973); Head, World Health

Organization Collaborating Centre for Drug Information and Quality Assurance, Hungary (1982 till present).

Previous posts: Management of a pharmacy (1945-1950); Drug Research, G. Richter (1950-1952); Drug Research Institute (1952-1954); Ministry of Health (1954-1962); Secretary, Hungarian Pharmacopoeia Commission (1953-1967); Editor, Acta Pharmaceutica Hungarica (1953-1967); Secretary-General, Hungarian Pharmaceutical Society (1959-1964); Director, National Institute of Pharmacy (1962-1967); Senior Officer, United Nations Division of Narcotic Drugs, Geneva (1967-1973); Director-General, National Institute of Pharmacy (1973-1984).

Publications: Author of several books and more than 100 scientific papers. Author of several United Nations publications, including such pamphlets as "United Nations and the fight against drug abuse" (1970, 1972), and the "Study of the trends of licit use of psychotropic substances in Europe" issued by the International Narcotics Control Board.

Professional associations: Hungarian Pharmaceutical Society; Fédération internationale pharmaceutique; Honorary Member of the Académie de Pharmacie, France, and Pharmazeutische Gesellschaft, Germany.

Meetings attended: Several international meetings, including Joint-Secretary, Technical Committee, Conference for the Adoption of a Convention on Psychotropic Substances, Vienna (1971); chairman, rapporteur or member of WHO expert committees, consultative groups and seminars as temporary adviser in the fields of pharmaceuticals, drug control and drug abuse (1973 until the present); representative of the Hungarian Government (1976-1987) and Chairman (1981-1982), Pharmaceutical Inspection Convention; Chairman, Committee on Investigation, Evaluation and Standardization of Pharmaceutical Preparations, Council of Mutual Economic Assistance (1977-1987); representative of Hungary (1976-1988) and Chairman (1984), Commission on Narcotic Drugs; Chairman, Committee II, United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Vienna (1988); spokesman of the Hungarian delegation to the seventeenth special session of the United Nations General Assembly (1990); member of the Expert Group Meeting to study the enhancement of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control (1990).

Abdullahi S. Elmi (Somalia)

Date of birth: 1944.

Education: Graduate in Pharmacy (Honours), University of Bologna (1968); graduate in Biological Sciences, Faculty of Sciences, University of Milan (1971); graduate of postgraduate School of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Milan (1973); research fellow, University of Padua (1974-1976).

Present posts: Vice-Rector of the Somali National University; Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology and Head of Department, Faculty of Medicine (since 1977); member of the International Narcotics Control Board; Chairman of the

National Technical Committee on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and Adviser to the National High Commission on the Eradication of Khat and other Drugs; Co-ordinator, Somali National University Programme for Traditional Medicine; National Drug Information Officer.

Professional associations: Member, WHO Expert Advisory Panel on Drug Dependence (since 1985); member, Inter-African Committee on Traditional Medicine and African Medicinal Plants, Organization of African Unity; member, Board of Directors of the International Council on Alcohol and Addictions (ICAA); member, Scientific Committee of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Traditional Medicine, Rome; member, Pharmacological Society of Italy.

Publications: About 62 publications, including "Tolerance develops to sympathetic effects of khat in humans", Pharmacology (1984); "Drug abuse: prevention and management in Somalia", paper presented at WHO Workshop on Prevention and Management of Drug Dependence through Primary Health Care, Lagos (1985); "The role of assessment, information and education in the reduction of drug abuse problems", Research monographs series of the Addiction Research Foundation of Italy.

Meetings attended: Several meetings dealing with drug control, including meeting of Expert Group on Khat, United Nations Narcotics Laboratory, Antananarivo (1978); International Conference on Khat, organized by ICAA, Antananarivo (1983); twenty-second WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence (1985); WHO Workshop on Prevention and Management of Drug Dependence through Primary Health Care, Lagos (1985); Workshop on Health and Medical Research in Yemen, Sana'a (1984); INCB sessions (1987-1990).

Abdol-Hamid Ghodse (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Date of birth: 1938.

Education: Qualified MD, Iran (1965); DPM, United Kingdom (1974); Ph.D. in Psychiatry, University of London (1976); MRCPsych., United Kingdom (1980).

Present posts: Professor and Head, Psychiatry of Addictive Behaviour, St. George's Hospital Medical School, University of London; Director, Community Drug Advisory, Monitoring and Development Programme, Wandsworth and Merton and Sutton Health Authorities; Director, Regional Drug Problem Service, South West Thames Region; Secretary, Society for the Study of Addiction to Alcohol and other Drugs; Adviser, Joint Formulary Committee, British National Formulary; member, Expert Advisory Panel of WHO on Alcohol and Drug Dependence; Chairman, Substance Misuse Section and member of the Council, Royal College of Psychiatrists, United Kingdom; President, Association for the Prevention of Addiction, United Kingdom; editor, International Journal of Social Psychiatry; member, Editorial Advisory Board, British Journal of Addiction.

Previous posts: Physician, Acting Director, Health Corps West Azarbaijan (1965-1967); Research Psychiatrist and Lecturer, Addiction Research Unit, Institute of Psychiatry, University of London (1974-1978); Consultant Psychiatrist, St. George's, St. Thomas' and Tooting Bec Hospitals; Senior Lecturer and Head of Section of Substance Abuse, Department of Psychiatry, St. George's Hospital Medical School (1978-1987).

Publications: Author or co-author of over one hundred papers and books on substance misuse and addictive behaviour, including "Effect of fear of AIDS on sharing injection equipment among drug abusers", British Medical Journal (1987), "Anglo-Dutch responses to drug problems", Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine (1988), "Comparison of oral preparations of heroin and methadone to stabilize opiate misusers as inpatients", British Medical Journal (1990); "Indicators of the extent of drug-related health problems" (1987); "Improving the use of psychoactive drugs: Educating the professionals", WHO publication (1988); "Substance Abuse and Dependence", London (1990); "Drug Misuse and Dependence" (1990).

Honours: Fellowship, Royal College of Psychiatrists of the United Kingdom (1985); Membership, Royal College of Physicians, United Kingdom (1988); M. S. McLeod visiting Professor, Southern Australia Postgraduate Medical Education Association (1990); National Health Service Merit Award.

Meetings attended: Member, rapporteur and chairman of various WHO and EEC Expert Committees, Review Groups and other working groups on drug dependence, in particular, convenor of WHO Expert Groups on medical education (1986), pharmacy education (1987) and nurse education (1989) and rational prescribing of psychoactive drugs; Conference, Ministers of Health on Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs Misuse, London (1986); International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna (1987); World Ministerial Summit to Reduce the Demand for Drugs and to Combat the Cocaine Threat, London (1990).